



Public Affairs Section  
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## Mambo Ni Sasa: Lamu Conversations



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Officials from the US Embassy were pleased to travel to Lamu from May 14-16th for a series of programs held in conjunction with the American Corner and the National Museums of Kenya. During the trip, participants were eager to meet and discuss a range of issues including concerns of youth and the American-Kenyan relationship.

The events began on Friday with an open forum to discuss educational issues and the visa application process for visiting the United States. Over 50 attendees participated and engaged in a lively discussion about opportunities to work and study abroad. The discussion revolved mainly around student issues, which can be a time intensive and expensive process. Participants talked about the process for obtaining scholarships and how to research the best educational opportunities both in Kenya and abroad.

On Saturday, over 300 Form 2 students from around the district participated in a program entitled *Mambo ni Sasa: Lamu Students taking a Front Seat to Shape Their Destiny*. American and Kenyan speakers discussed their careers and encouraged students to commit to their studies. The program featured a banker, librarian, engineer, lawyer, and a community activist. Representatives from the District Office and the District Educational Office also gave remarks. The program concluded with award for an essay contest, *Lamu Youth shaping their destiny through faith and peace*, and lunch while being serenaded by local rapper. Later that day, the American Corner held an art contest for students entitled "My Life through Faith and Peace". Art will be displayed at the American Corner, Lamu.

Event photos: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/us\\_embassy\\_nairobi/sets/72157623967740309/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/us_embassy_nairobi/sets/72157623967740309/)

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